PDS for cooking and illumination only. In accordance with the policy adopted by the Government of India in 2000, SKO allocation for distribution under the PDS was reduced every year begining 2001-2002 till 2003-2004, taking into account the number of LPG connections released in each State/Union Territory. There has been no reduction in the allocation of PDS SKO to States/UTs after the financial year 2004-05. Allocations for 2007-2008 have also been maintained at the same level. The quantity of PDS SKO allocated to the State Government of Sikkim in the year 2007-08 is 5582 MT.

**Long queue in CGHS dispensaries**

847. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the computerization of CGHS allopathic dispensaries in Delhi, the patients particularly the pensioners have been put to extreme hardship as they have to wait for long hours in queues for getting treatment and medicines as most of the doctors are not properly computer trained, leading to serious delays; and

(b) if so, what remedial action is proposed to be taken to tackle this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Doctors of CGHS, Delhi have been provided basic training.

Each dispensary has also been provided with two data entry operators for imparting training and assisting dispensary staff.

Beneficiaries may be facing minor inconvenience due to switch over from manually system to online made of functioning of dispensaries.

**Productions of polio vaccine**

848. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) by when India is going to achieve self-sufficiency in production of the polio vaccine as Government is vigorously pursuing the polio awareness drive all over the country;

(b) whether we are importing the vaccine; and

(c) if so, from where and what is the progress of the indigenous production of vaccine so that we do not have to rely on the import of the said vaccine for too long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Office of the DCGI has not received any application concerning indigenous production of the oral polio vaccine. The Indian manufactures are licensed to produce Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) by blending the imported concentrate bulk of OPV (Type I, II and III). The bulk of polio vaccine is imported from outside countries.